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In the Matter of the Application of: Alan Weir Bucher

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Examiner: Mariceli Santiago

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Official Office Action dated August 23, 2004, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 23, 2004 please amend the application as follows. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.